The CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT"

"GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"

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The People That Know Their God Shall be Strong and do Exploits

Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.
Feb. 12, 1923.

Dear Brother Llewellyn and All the Church of God Family:

God is faithful. Hallelujah! The saints are rallying. Glory and victory is sure. Praise God forever!

I tell you there are no people like the Church of God people after you get them awake. Bless the Lord forever! There are great things ahead for us here in China if WE EACH AND EVERY ONE DO OUR PART. I can't do my part unless you do yours and the Chinese workers can't do their part unless I do mine. Remember that great issues some times bring on small things. So let us not despise the day of small things.

Some years ago I was helping in a prohibition campaign (before I knew anything about Pentecost or the Church of God) and became discouraged and decided to quit suddenly. The speaker who had finished her talk arose to her feet and told a little incident, something like this, "Once a very beautiful and costly piece of cloth was being woven for a garment for the king. There was a little blue thread which was only caught in occasionally and it was so fine that it could scarcely be seen, so the little blue thread felt its position so insignificant that it decided to drop out. When the cloth was finished and inspected, behold, one part of it was very beautiful but the other part was ruined because the little blue thread had failed to do its part."

Dear ones, it was that afternoon in May, 1907, that I consecrated myself to God to be the little blue thread. It has often meant much and at times it seemed that I was merely standing in the gap as it were, nevertheless, if there ever were a time when we should all learn a lesson from the little blue thread, it is NOW. Remember once the battle was lost for the want of a nail for the horse's shoe. You may be the very one God wants to supply the nail.

We are in a great battle and God is going to give us COMPLETE victory but I see no promises for those who are indifferent and do nothing.

It is wonderful what the Church of God people can do when they quit talking hard times and put their shoulders to the wheel. You know when I was home that I urged the saints to quit saying, Our people are poor. God says in the last days the people who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Hallelujah!

Dear old Grandma Moody of Wimauma, Fla., who is more than eighty years old made two missionary quilts. Any persons who wanted their names worked on the quilt would give her an offering for Foreign Missions. She raised $16.80 and it came to us in just the niche of time to help us hold the line. Hallelujah! I felt if Grandma Moody could do all this, what ought I to do—even though I have three little children.

Another precious sister who is sixty-four years old, a widow, living alone and cultivating three acres of land and this last year did not do well because of the boll weavil, sent us five dollars. If she can do that, what does God want you to do?

A brother sent us $5.25 who is four thousand dollars in debt. God bless him. We have been praying for God to bless and prosper him so he could pay his debts. God will do it, too, for the liberal soul shall be made fat. Hallelujah! So you see, dear ones, we are not poor. Our people have a mind to work and with our great united effort we can and will move mountains into the sea. By His grace we shall. Hallelujah! In America and in China.

We want to use this means to thank each and every one for what they have done to help us speed the gospel message over here in China. May God richly bless and and reward you a thousand fold. A careful record is kept of each amount received, with the name and address of the sender and you will be reading our reports in the Evangel from time to time as we send them to headquarters. We endeavor to carefully use all money coming through our hands for the mission cause realizing that we must give an account to God for it and precious souls over here.

December and January were about the most discouraging months we have spent in China. We thought October and November were hard but before the first of December the enemy seemed to bring up his big guns and turned them loose on us. He opened fire upon us from every quarter. O the darkness of those days. It seemed that His work over here would not survive but the words of this old song were such a comfort to me:

"As He can endless glory weave,
From what men reckon shame;
In His own world He is content
To play a losing game.

"But right is right since God is right,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

Surely, when our Savior hung on the cross it looked to many as if the cause were finished but when the angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat upon it, it was the dawning of a new day. So we were encouraged to believe that God would come forth in our behalf.

After weeks of intense pressure from almost every source and being tossed to and fro as a ship in the storm at sea and having sent out one S. O. S. (save O save) after another with seemingly no results and our frail barks were just drifting as it were when God came and blessedly encouraged our hearts. It was then we received a most blessed letter from a brother, more than fifty years old from Illinois (where are our young people) saying that our appeals had been published and he had been greatly stirred to come to our help. He wrote us such an encouraging letter. It was like Michael coming to Daniel. Our hearts were truly humble and melted before God with a wonderful sense of our unworthiness and gratitude to Him who had not left us alone but even when we did not know it (as our Evangels were real late getting here and as usually a month old when we get them at any time) He had notified His Church of more than twenty thousand members and they were praying and working for us over here, even while we were asleep (we have night while you have day). Dear ones, you can imagine how we thanked God and took courage. Hallelujah! And in no uncertain sound did we praise Him.

We do feel so encouraged to GO ON and possess the land. Truly if God be for us, who can be against us.

Brother Ma was asked to preach for about a week in a Pentecostal mission recently which I have longed believed would become Church of God when we get enough missionaries to man the field. God did greatly bless. There was much confession of sin, precious healings and three were filled with the Holy Ghost just like souls are back in America. They want Brother Ma to pastor the work but he can't leave where he is. Our workers are too scarce to even take care of what we already have to say nothing of taking over new fields.

Dear saints, do please send on Brother and Sister Edwards of Kentucky who have had their trunks packed since last August for China. Then we MUST have Brother and Sister Stargel from North Carolina. They must all come on NOW. If we hold the work here in China we will have to go in a hurry to keep pace with it. The opportunities are so many to win souls for Jesus.

I said, "I will walk in the fields,"
God said, "Nay, walk in the town."
I said, "But there are no flowers there."
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the fogs are thick
And clouds are veiling the sun;"
He answered, "But hearts are sick
And souls in darkness that must be won."

I pleaded for time to be given,
For others to come over the tide,
But He said it won't seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your guide.

The words of this dear little poem came to me here. I don't remember to quote it exactly but I am sure many of you remember it.

May God help us to follow in the footsteps of our great example, Jesus Christ, even though it may lead across the waters to China. He has leveled the land and bridged the sea and made it easy for us to carry out His great commission. He will be with you here in China the same as in America. The sun shines and the rain falls here just like it does in America. The people eat and sleep, too, like we do and have real throbbing beating hearts and immortal souls just like we, souls for whom Jesus died.

Will you help us to get the message to them before our Lord comes? You can get plenty of good food to eat over here if you have money to buy it, so don't let that keep you from coming. While I was in America some got the impression that people would have to eat rice if they came to China because I ate so much of it but that is a mistake. I eat it because I like it and it agrees with me and I find it most healthful and nourishing.

Thanks to all for the liberal donation which came a few days ago from Headquarters. HEADQUARTERS WILL SEND IT IF THEY HAVE IT.

A heart full of love to the whole Church of God and Evangel family. God bless you each and every one and if we don't meet any more here on earth may we all meet Jesus together in the skies with just numbers of redeemed ones from China.

Yours in His great love and mercy,

Jennie B. Rushin.

FIGHT IT OUT

Are you sick and weak and weary?
Fight it out.
If the world looks dark and dreary,
Fight it out.
Though fate seems the hardest hitter,
And the wine of life turns bitter;
Think just once, "God hates a quitter,"
Fight it out.

Great men are not the strongest.
Fight it out.
'Tis the chap that lasts the longest,
Fight it out.
If hard knocks seem all unending,
To the cause you are defending,
Still your best blows keep sending;
Fight it out.

Each heart has its own stern battle;
Fight it out.
Waste no time on childish prattle,
Fight it out.
Be some good—not a mere debtor,
Free your soul from chains that fetter;
Do your best—God asks no better;
Fight it out.

Though life seems a sordid story,
Fight it out.
For some day will dawn the glory,
Fight it out.
Can't you hear that sound of cheering,
From the port we all are nearing?
Stop your grieving, stop your fearing;
Fight it out.

Sent in by,
Mrs. A. L. Douglas.

If for any reason you fail to observe Foreign Mission day, Mar. 11, be sure and observe it the following Sunday.

THE WORLD MUST BE EVANGELIZED

The Fields White Unto The Harvest

"I have meat to eat that you know not of. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK; * * * Lift up your eyes and look on the field, for they are already white unto harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 5:31, 34-36. The will of the Father was supreme with His Son. He said, I seek not to do mine own will but the will of Him that sent me, not my will but thine be done. Many are seeking happiness and pleasure in this world, seeking wealth and honor, but few are seeking to know the will of God concerning their lives. If we possess the spirit of the great Missionary who left His father's throne to come to this lost world and preach His own everlasting Gospel, our highest aim and chiefest joy will be to do the will of God.

God's will should become natural and easy to us. The only place true genuine happiness is is in the center of His will. Many have been troubled and perplexed over the problems of life, thinking and planning for the accumulation of this world's goods with some special object in view, saying that if they could only reach that place then they would be ready to give their lives into the service of God, but troubles come, the unexpected happens and heartaches and disappointments are on every hand. They finally conclude that there is not much in this world for them, when it is only the providence of God to guide them to the place where God can reveal to them that in Him there is fullness of joy.

From the above text it seems that there are special blessings held in reserve for those who will fully surrender and do the full will of God. Jesus said, "I have meat to eat that you know not of." Those who are in the center of His will, devoting their time and talent to His service enjoy a special feast with Him that those whose lives are clouded with uncertainties and unsettled questons do not. He said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." His chiefest joy was to do the will of Him who sent Him, and He said, "As thou (Father) hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Our greatest ambition in this world should be to do the will of Him who commissioned us to go.

Whatever our line of Christian work may be, though it may look hard and the sacrifice great, yet He is able to make it easy and pleasant for us. After we have completely surrendered to Him wherever our field of labor may be, He is able to make that the most pleasant spot on earth. His will is always best for us.

The supreme need of humanity is not riches and honor or worldly pleasure, it is not food and raiment, houses and lands. These things are only valuable as they relate to some present want but cannot be of value to a disembodied spirit. "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This bread of life or hidden manna comes only through communion and fellowship with God, and the complete surrender to Him. FINISH HIS WORK, JESUS said wist ye not that I must be about my father's business; I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. Our opportunities to evangelize the world will soon cease, the evening shadows are gathering thick and fast, our work on earth will soon be done. What we do must be done in haste. The children of God redeemed by His blood and filled with the Holy Ghost are the authorized agents called and sent of God to finish His work. LIFT UP YOUR EYES, the great need of today is a vision of the work to be done.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9. The Macedonian call is going up from every land. Come over and help us. There never was a time that the world is more awakened to the need of help than they are today. The fields were never in more need of reapers than they are now. We should no longer stand with downcast looks absorbed in the earth and earthly things but we should lift up our eyes and look on the fields for they are now white unto harvest. The time is now come that we should realize that there is something better than gold and silver or earthly treasures. The multiplied thousands of earth are going to Christless graves, with no one to tell them of the living Christ. Oh, if we could only get the thought of the value of an immortal soul—that is worth more than the world. And our opportunity to invest for eternity, in that, that flames will not devour. Today we stand on the shores of time, tomorrow we may be gone. What are we doing toward finishing the work that He has assigned to us?

THE REWARD—Whatever we may be able to do towards carrying this gospel to the nations of the earth, will be counted precious in the sight of the Lord and we are sure to receive a proper

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIAL

It was not the intention of the finance committee to convey the impression that the full amount indicated in the Evangel under date of Mar. 4th was raised in this particular campaign, yet at the same time it has been a remarkable success and has provided means to take care of the financial obilgations that were very pressing. It has been the means of saving us considerable embarrassment. Those who have so cheerfully responded to this cause may never know what all it has meant to the Church of God. The prospects are bright and I fully believe that we will be able to clear up the entire indebtedness of the Publishing House in the very near future. It was only the intention and purpose of the finance committee to indicate the amount necessary to put us over the top, which at that time was .... $ 4,574.77
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All subscriptions to the Church of God Evangel that expired prior to Oct. 1st, have been discontinued. We are very sorry to give them up and extend to them a hearty invitation to re-enter the great Evangel family by sending in their subscription at the earliest date possible.

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Special attention is being given to the subscription department, and every precaution taken to avoid mistakes. Should any occur, please be free to write us, either about your own, or any of your friends and the matter will receive prompt attention. We invite the assistance of every reader of the Evangel.

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J. W. Nelson, J. A. Nelson, Clyde Miller and wife and Will Jones and wife of Dividing Ridge church, Soddy, Tenn., spent Saturday night and Sunday, with friends in Cleveland. J. W. Nelson preached a wonderful sermon to an appreciated audience Saturday night; their singing was exceptionally fine. We all enjoyed the association of our old friends—loyal members of the Church of God.

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Foreign Mission Days come on the second Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November. Home Mission Days come on the second Sunday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

The churches should all set apart a certain time for a special offering to be taken for Orphanage work. Sunday Schools would do well to stimulate a special interest in the care of the orphans.

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We are advised by Homer A. Tomlinson that all matters relating to the Faithful Standard, should be sent to Queens, New York, N. Y. where they will receive prompt attention. You can save time by addressing them direct, as the Church has no further interest in this publication, therefore, is not responsible for any mistake or failure to receive your paper. We are unable to answer the many inquiries as to the future of this publication, or the cause for the delay.

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We wish to express our appreciation for the many encouraging letters we have received expressing their approval on the paper and the progress of the work in a general way. The hearty co-operation of all of our officials, ministers, members and friends will bring about marvelous results.

If every minister in the Church of God would secure fifteen new subscribers, it would mean an increase of over ten thousand new subscribers. This can easily be done with just a few days special effort. Many are already enthusiastic along this line, and the subscription list is steadily increasing.

NOTICE

The Church of God at Branford, Fla. wants to know the address and spiritual condition of the following members:

Eugene Blunt, Beda Burk, Thos. J. Bradley, J. H. Butter, Mary Butter, Della Corbin, Pearl Corley, Lillie Belle Corley, Marvin Corley, Sister V. Cribbs, Donald McDonald, Jewell Hunt, Sister R. E. Laster, Lucie Lockler, Florence Lockler, Ladis Milford, May Phillips, Lillie Reaves, Rebecca Rever, Lela Summer, Lizzie Summer Eva Suggs, S. M. Simmons, Nora Suggs, Ethel Tyre, Mary Vanherbulas and Hattie Williams.

W. A. Sullivan, overseer of Branford district.

RALLY DAY

March 25, 1923, is the day set apart for rally day at the Church of God at Harriman, Tenn. The purpose of this is to raise money to lift the indebtness on the parsonage recently built, and some other church indebtness.

The program for the day will consist of special choir singing, quartets, good preaching by able men, prayers and praises and every thing to make the day a real rally day. M. W. Letsinger, overseer of Tennessee, will be with us to perform an active part. Services 10:30 A. M. to 12:00 M.; 2:30 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.; 7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this rally.

The Church at Harriman is moving along nicely. The people here seem to have the progressive spirit which we so much admire. We are in constant expectation of greater developments here. The Lord is with us.

Pray for the rally day and come.

Yours for service,
Perry W. Hadsock, pastor.

NOTICE

We hope to be able to begin filling orders of Sunday School literature in a few days. We would be glad if the different schools would send in their orders as early as possible so that we may get them mailed out in time for them to reach their destination for the first Sunday in the quarter. If any of your literature should fail to reach you in a reasonable length of time, we would like to suggest that when writing us concerning it that you always give us the date of your order, and the name of the party who ordered it. Please bear this in mind, and it will save much time here in the office.

Christian Stability and Activity With Rewards

J. B. Ellis

(Continued from last week)

REWARDS

We will now consider the third and last division of our subject. Our Text says, "In as much as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

There is nothing more certain in God's Word than the fact that God rewards faithful service.

There is nothing so condusive to Christian activity as the though of being rewarded for the service rendered. This is true in every walk of life. The farmer toils on day after day, winter, spring, and summer with practically no daily remuneration. From where or what does he get his inspiration? The only answer is the hope of reward at the end of the year.

And so with every other vocation of life the hope of reward is the one thing that keeps things going. Ask the business world, the merchant, the banker, the manufacturer, the miner, the railroader, the politician, the instructor, etc., why they toil on day after day, month after month, and year after year with such determination and zeal? The only answer that can be given is the hope of reward.

So it is with the child of God. He spends a long life of toil and hardships. Upon his shoulders are heavy burdens; he daily meets with obstacles that appear insurmountable, but he toils on not even complaining of his lot in life. And often instead of friends to encourage him in his struggles, he receives criticism and persecution. Many times instead of meeting with success in his efforts to serve his God he meets with seeming defeat. He undertakes to influence his family, his friends, and others to live a Christian life; but his advice and council are ignored and often he is ridiculed for his effort.

"O, humble toiler in the vineyard of your God! Why do you continue your course? Why not turn aside and enjoy the pleasures of the world? Why not join in with the men of the world and live a life of ease and comfort?"

I hear him answer, "Yes, I know I could pursue a course like that and have ease, comfort and pleasure in this life but I have a little Book that tells me that this is not the only life I am to live, that beyond this brief life there is a life that never ends. This Book tells me not to lay up treasures here in this world where thieves often break through and take your treasures from you; but it tells me that if I lay up treasures in heaven I may enjoy them through all eternity.

"It also tells me I am to lose this life if I shall gain the life to come, and in as much as this life is to pass away, and the other is to endure forever, I prefer to sacrifice the pleasures and comforts of this life for the life to come. I am also told that I must not even love or desire the things of this world lest I lose interest in the things pertaining to the world to come."

"Yes, but you are so queer, so unlike other people, till they shun you. O! you seem so lonely, if you could leave off some of your peculiar ways you could have many friends and a good time in the social world."

"Yes, but my little Book tells me that I must not seek the friendship of the world. If I do I will be the enemy of the ruler of the next world, and would be so out of harmony with it that I would not be allowed to live among its inhabitants. Yea, this Book tells me that I must forsake father, mother, brothers, sisters, friends, houses, and lands if I am to live in that happy country. I am told in this Book that I must not count even my own life dear unto me, that I might have a life in that blessed country."

"You are peculiar indeed, what do you know about that country?"

"My little Book tells me that it is a wonderful place, and that it has one of the most magnificent cities ever heard of. It is described as being fifteen hundred miles square and the height is equal to the length and breadth; the streets of this city are pure gold, its walls are jasper; it has wonderful foundations and its builder and maker is God. The inhabitants of this city never die. They neither weep nor suffer pain, because in this city is the great river of life, and on either bank and in the midst of the beautiful stream is the tree of life, and the leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations; the inhabitants of that country are not only free from pain, sorrow, and death, but they live on and on forever and forever, and they never grow old: perpetual youth graces every character of that country.

"How do you know so much about that country?"

"The little Book I have tells me all about it. It is a wonderful Book indeed: It gives the most complete history of this world, in fact, it is the only Book that gives the complete history of man, animals, and of the world from its beginning. It tells of the creation of the earth, man, and animals. It gives the complete history of man, as he came from the hand of his creator; his happy and blessed state in the garden of Eden; his lapse into sin; and God's wonderful scheme of salvation, in which He planned to redeem man and bring him back to where he could enjoy the presence of God. It tells us of a Savior who came to this world to redeem us from the effects of sin, and has made it possible for us to live in this world of sin and disappointment in such purity, as to give us an inheritance in that beautiful country just described, and oh, I want to get there! And that is just why I am living this peculiar life. I want a home in that city. I have no continuing city here. I seek one to come. I am poor in this world's goods just a little cottage or tent to live in, but O! this wonderful character that God sent into this world to restore all things is the only Son of His Father. He is the sole heir of all things, and He said, if I would do His will I could be His brother, and be a joint heir with Him, to that inheritance that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for me.

"He also said before He left this world to go back to His Father, that in His Father's house were many mansions, and that He was going to prepare one for me, that where He was I might be also. No, I do not care for the things of this world. I would rather suffer the afflictions of the righteous and obtain the rewards that are reserved in heaven for me, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness for a season and lose my interest in the world to come; for what would it profit me, to gain the whole world and lose my own soul, or what would I take in exchange for my soul?

"No, I prefer to be ignored by the noble of earth; censured and criticised by the wise in worldly wisdom. Yea, I am willing to be hated by the enemies of my God even if they are loved ones so that I might win a home in heaven. Goodby, friends! Goodby, loved ones! Goodby, vain world with all your charms. I am a stranger and a pilgrim among your inhabitants. Your cities are magnificient, your enterprises are great, if you could exist forever, and if I could live always, I might consider your invitations, but I am appointed to die and leave you, and if I could live always you are to pass away with all your grandeur, you are to be enveloped in the burning flame, but I am looking for a new world wherein dwelleth righteousness. "I might live for you, and enjoy your pleasures for awhile, but I am seeking pleasures that last forevermore in my Father's home He has prepared for me.

"Vain world if I were to give you my service, your highest honors could be no more than an earthly crown, which would have to be laid down at death, never to be worn again; but I am working for a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all that love His appearing.

"Goodby, vain world! I have my eyes on things above. You have sought my destruction for these years; you have tried to retard my progress, you have sought to defeat my purposes. A few more struggles with you and all the agencies you employ in your efforts to defeat and ruin me will be over and I willl step off your mundane shores to be bothered with you no more. These feet that have grown so weary traveling over your hills, mountains, and valleys will be treading the streets of gold. These eyes you have tried to deceive with your charms will be beholding the grandeurs of the city of our God; these ears you have intruded upon with your vile and wicked conversation will be listening to the music of the heavenly band as they play on their harps of gold, and instead of being forced to hear the hallowed name of my God blasphemed I will be listening to the redeemed of all ages as they magnify and laud His name in concert, till the heavens tremble with the vibration of their voices.

"This body which you have been trying all these years to clothe with worldly paraphernalia (attire) forbidden by the Word of God will be wearing the white robes of righteousness. O! I am tired of you, vain world, your inducements are deceptive; your purposes are my destruction; your rewards pass away with their usage. I am seeking rewards that are eternal."

O struggling soul! Get your mind and heart on rewards eternal, look not on the things which are seen but on the things which are not seen. Work not for the honors and rewards of this life, but strive for the rewards that are to be given in the life to come. Press the battle; continue the struggle a little longer; let no man take your crown. One hour in heaven will repay us for all the sacrifice made. The toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way.

(The End)

Some Interesting Things About Jamacia

Dear Saints, Friends, Nations and People—Greetings to All in Jesus' Name:

I am safe on the island of Jamaica, even as John was safe on the Isle of Patmos.

I was engaged two years in the Sunday school work in the state of Florida and now the Lord has launched me out a bit and placed me on this island to work for Him. I am delighted to be here and to know that I am in His will in being here.

I left America, Dec. 7, 1922, and came across the Gulf by steamer to Havana, Cuba, then by rail down through Cuba to Santiago de Cuba Kingston, Jamaica. I was much seasick on both waters.

Cuba is a rich and beautiful country, but very wicked I am told.

Jamaica is a beautiful island. It is about one hundred and fifty miles long and about seventy-five miles wide. It is very mountainous but has a rich and very productive soil. There are many beautiful trees and much nice scenery here.

The island is surrounded by large bodies of salt water. We are located high up on Main Ridge mountain. It is a very healthy place. The island is thickly settled. Thousands and thousands of people are living here but mostly colored people.

The people are morally good but not very religious. There are a good many doctrines here. But we are thanking God that the true doctrine is here. False doctrine is the greatest thing we have to contend with, but we thank God that the true light is shining and that many are going to see the error of their way and come and walk in the true light.

We are so glad that the Church of God is established on the island. We firmly believe that the Church of God is going to rise higher and shine brighter and that many souls will awake and arise and shine with her and be ready for the coming of our Lord.

There are but three Churches of God on the island. These are good strong lively churches. Each church has a good Sunday school. There are but three natives and one foreign worker here.

There are great opportunities and fine prospects for any who want to come here and work.

Most of the people are very poor and need the true gospel preached to them and we believe many will yield up when the true light shines.

Most all people, men, women and children go barefooted the year round and come to meeting and Sunday school the same way.

We have no musical instruments in the churches but the saints are good singers and they are great on clapping their hands. So we have very good music after all.

We have seven or eight services per week. They had a baptismal service Sunday morning. They gathered at the church about four o'clock sang and prayed until about daybreak then started for the river, a distance of about one and three-fourths miles down over the rocky road, most of them barefooted, singing most all the way. We came to the river soon after sunrise.

There were quite a congregation gathered at the river. Several were baptized. Then a few short talks and we all started back up the mountain again for the tabernacle where we had a midday service.

Most all the saints pay tithes and trust the Lord for the healing of their bodies.

There is a custom here among certain people that when one of their friends die they gather at the home and sing all night. Then on the ninth night they gather again and sing all the night through or till the break of day. I have heard them and I thought it was the most beautiful singing that I ever heard.

It is a great sight to see the hundreds of people going to market here on Saturdays. They go on foot, carrying big trays filled with vegetables, fruit, etc., on their backs. Women will walk for several miles carrying loads in this way.

We are cut off considerably from the world and Churches of God on this island, so the Evangel is quite a welcome visitor here.

Yes, I am safe here but it looks as though I ran some risk on the way. But I put my trust in the Lord. Anyone traveling in a strange land had better put the middle verse in the Bible in practice. Psa. 118:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Yes, safe here. This is a land of health, high mountains, deep valleys, rivers, brooks, vegetables and fruit. Not much wealth but poverty. No wild animals, no snakes, not many clouds but lots of sunshine. There are no buggies, carts or wagons here but plenty of donkeys to carry the loads. I am here to stay until the Lord says return to America.

I want to thank the dear saints in the state of Florida for the love and kind care bestowed to me during the two years that I traveled over the state in Sunday school work. Trusting the precious seed sown there will bring forth the fruits of righteousness in eternity. I also send greetings to the saints in and around Cleveland Tenn., where I worked in the Master's vineyard several years.

In conclusion I will say to all readers of the Evangel, the Church of God is the only true Church. As she rises and shines brighter we hope many will see the light and walk and live therein for their own good and safety and for the glory of God.

Let us be ready for the Lord's coming and help to get as many ready as possible. Love and best wishes to all.

Humbly,
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Crooked River P. O.,
Main Ridge, Jamaica, B. W. I.

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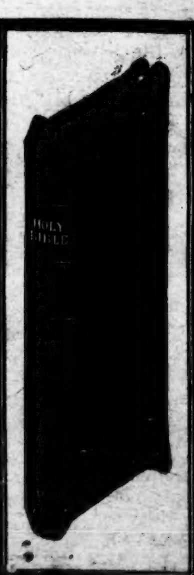

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Should the minister who is working at public work pay his tithes into the church where his membership is? We have about four who are working at manual labor, but they don't pay tithes here in their home church. So if it is right to pay their tithes some other place all right, but I just wanted to know if they shouldn't be an example to others. A brother minister.

At one time all ministers were allowed to pay their tithes to the church where they happened to be at the time for them to pay tithes. It made no difference then as all tithes were sent to headquarters, but now we are not working under that ruling, but back under the old system, which was, pay your tithes into your own home church, that you might aid in the support of your own pastor.

Please give Scripture for Millennium as I never have found it in the Bible, M. M. Perry.

"And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20:4.

Mille. Means thousand, annnum means year. Thus Millennium, means thousand years.

What is the meaning of the word Pentecost? Does it mean fifty? Geo. W. Sanders.

Pentecost is the Greek name for the second of the three great feasts which Israel was commanded to keep. It was celebrated on the fiftieth day after the 16th of Nisan (April) which was the second day of the Passover festival.

Yes it means "fifty."

Where does it say in the Bible that one day is as a thousand years with the Lord? M. M. Perry.

See 2 Peter 3:8.

Is the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 14:1-6 the number who arose with Jesus? Or is this yet in the future? E. W. Anderson.

We find in Revelation 7th chapter that there will be a hundred and forty-four thousand who will enjoy special favors from the Lord. They will doubtless receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost which many Scriptures interpret as being the sealing, also the sealing will be two fold; a mark also will be placed on their forehead as a sign of the sealing.

This hundred and forty-four thousand will go through the tribulation and stand on Mt. Zion near Jerusalem as in chapter 14 and the Lamb (Jesus) stands with them.

Yes, this is all future and belongs to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Where in the Bible do we find that the time is coming that you can't tell winter from summer? Willie Ballew.

I have never found such a statement as this in the Bible. It would conflict with Scripture to make such a statement, for earth summer or winter would have to cease, which would cause to be all summer or winter, but Scripture says, that winter and summer shall not cease. Gen. 8:22.

What did Paul mean by telling Timothy to take wine for his stomach's sake? Mrs. Robt. Ayers.

I have known of physicians telling their patient to drink no more water, but wine, because the water was not agreeing with their system.

It is said that the water where Timothy was, was of an alkali nature and it was against his health. So Paul as a spiritual adviser asked Timothy to drink no more water but wine instead on account of his oft infirmities. Syriac.

What is meant by man of sin? Mrs. Robt. Ayers.

The man of sin is none other than the antichrist, who after the first three years and a half will break his covenant previously made with the Jews, then he will be revealed and the Jews will see that they have worshipped the wrong man.

Perdition. The antichrist is the son of perdition also Judas is referred to as the son of perdition.

What is the meaning of the statement concerning the new wine into old bottles, and new clothes into old garments? Mart Wagner.

Jesus was teaching that it wasn't advisable to try to put this "new wine," the Christian religion, into the old Pharisaical religion. The old garment applies the same as the bottle.

Please tell me the meaning of soul. J. L. McSpadden.

Soul of man indicates emotions, desires, affections. Also it is the self conscious life as distinguished from plants.

Animals have souls, yet the soul of man is much higher.

Man is a trinity, body, soul and spirit.

Animals have body and soul, yet the soul of man is of higher intelligence than that of the animal. The Spirit of the Lord works on the man's spirit through the soul.

What is the way of holiness spoken of in Isaiah 35? G. P. Ledford.

From the reading of the whole chapter it seems to show that this must have reference to the Millennium. I'm sure that it has a broader meaning than many have thought of.

Why didn't Joseph become a tribe? L. V. Hall.

See the list of the heads of tribes in Rev. 7:8. It gives Joseph as a head of a tribe.

REQUESTS

Will Cly, Joplin, Mo., desires prayer that he will receive the Holy Ghost.

J. C. Welch, West Point, Ark., desires prayer that he may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

A. M. Reece, Palmetto, Fla., requests the prayer of the saints that he may be healed of asthma and catarrh of the head and other ailments.

Mrs. Victoria Warner, Clifty, Tenn., requests the saints to pray for a little girl that has an afflicted jaw. She also desires prayer for herself.

Ruby Tillman, Dunn, La., desires prayer that her husband will get right with God and that she will do the Lord's will at all times.

Mrs. Van Strickland, Cocoanut Grove, Fla., wants prayer that she will be a worker in the vineyard of the Lord and that her and her husband will receive the blessings that God has in store for them.

Ida E. Ishmael, Truman, Ark., desires the saints to pray for her to live humble and do what the Lord wants her to do and that He will keep both soul and body and that she will be ready when He comes or calls. Also pray for her children that are in sin.

Alma Armstrong, desires prayer that God will move on the hearts of the people there and that He will send a preacher to that place and that they will get a church house to worship in. Also pray for her son and one daughter to come to the Lord and that her little girl will receive the Holy Ghost.

P. M. Heath, Louisville, Ky., requests prayer that his daughter, Mary, will be healed of a broken arm which has been broken about eight years. She is now in the hospital and desires prayer that she will be sanctified and that she will hold out faithful and do what the Lord would have her to do.

Notice

A revival is to begin at Daisy, Tenn., April 8, 1923. Brother J. P. Hughes, the district pastor, will be in charge the first few services. Brother J. C. Jernigan will then be in charge of the preaching. Brothers Will Jones and Clyde Miller, known as the Dividing Ridge singers, will have charge of the singing.

A hearty invitation is given to all.
W. W. Harmon, pastor.

IN MEMORY OF

COMPTON

On Feb. 16, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Compton of Paris, Tex., and took their baby to be forever with Jesus, age about 2 years and 6 months.

We know it is hard to give these jewels up but it will take some little folks to make heaven its best.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor and the writer and his body was laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery to await his glorious resurrection.

Samuel J. Wood,
Paris, Tex.

WHITLOCK

Reubbie Mattielean Whitlock, daughter of Reuben and Mattie Whitlock was born Aug. 15, 1922 and did Jan. 26, 1923.

Leona Elizabeth Whitlock, daughter of Reuben and Mattie Whitlock was born July 23, 1917 and died Feb. 22, 1923.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

The father and mother of the deceased have our prayers and sympathy.

Perry W. Hadsock.

RANEY

On the ninth of Jan. 22, 1923 the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling baby, Lawrence Filmore, age 14 months and 20 days. He was the pride of our home and we miss his little footsteps and sweet ways. Yet, I am rejoicing that we had a treasure that was fit for the Master's use.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother George Helms and his little body was laid to rest in the Marvin cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

His mother.

ETHERIDGE

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Etheridge and claimed their little girl, Irene, age 10 years and 9 months.

She was ill only five days with appendicitis. She bore her suffering with patience.

She was a kind and loving child and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by father, mother, two brothers, one sister, grandfather and grandmother and a host of relatives and friends.

Her body was laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery, Charleston, Miss., to await the resurrection.

Her cousin,
Idell Raney.

WEAVER

On February 13, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister W. P. Weaver and claimed their little daughter, Lydia, age 9 years.

Her death came as a shock to the father, mother and many friends as she was sick only one week. She bore her suffering with patience.

Lydia was a good girl and will be greatly missed by her playmates. She enjoyed attending Sunday school and meeting at the Church of God with her parents where they are members.

The funeral was conducted by Brother F. M. Cook and the writer and her body was laid to rest in the Ordway cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

I. H. Brabson,
Johnson City, Tenn.

CRUMP

On Feb. 14, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Custer Crump of Coal City, Ala., and carried their only son, Henry Newton, home to be with Jesus, age 2 years and 10 months.

During the dying hour of this child Ruth Olive, age 13 months took sick and in thirteen hours passed away to be with her little brother in heaven.

Everything was done for these little darlings that loved ones could do but Jesus was ready for them and sent His messenger for them. It was sad to give them up but we know they are in heaven. We don't understand it now but we will understand it better by and by.

Mrs. Amos Crump,
Quinton, Ala.

MONTGOMERY

On Feb. 8, 1923 the death angel came to the home of Robert and Lottie Montgomery and took their baby, age 10 months.

He suffered two weeks with pneumonia. One more jewel has gone to make heaven brighter.

Brother Alvin Kizer and some of the saints sang some sweet songs and Brother Smith made some comforting remarks.

He leaves to mourn, father, mother, brother, grandfather and grandmother and a host of relatives.

His grandmother,
Susie Montgomery.

ROLLINSON

J. R. Rollison, son of S. R. and Sarah Rollinson, was born Oct. 11, 1921 and died Jan. 22, 1923.

Although little J. R.'s life was brief it will never be forgottein by those who cared for him.

He is survived by father, mother, grandfather, two grandmothers, three brothers, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Our prayers are that the circle will be unbroken in that place where parting and tears are no more.

The funeral was conducted by Brother G. G. Williams and his body laid to rest in the Reeves cemetery to await the soon coming of Jesus.

His sister,
Maggie Rollinson.

TELIFFOW

The death angel visited Mr. Oliver Jackson's home, Nov. 8, 1922, and claimed his oldest stepdaughter, age sixteen years.

She was saved July, 1922. We can't see why Jocie was taken from us so young leaving the home so desolate but the Lord knew best.

During her awful suffering she would sing, a mothers love will never forget me for I know she'll know me there. We feel sure that we will meet Jocie some sweet day.

She left to mourn, a step father, mother, one brother, three sisters, two grandmothers, five uncles, five aunts and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Willie Eaton and her body laid to rest in the Baddey cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

Her grandmother,
Mary Matters,
Omaha, Ark.

TROUP

Brother Peter Troup was born March 23, 1846 and died at Fitzgerald, Ga., Dec. 19, 1922.

He had been in feeble health quite a while before his death but had recovered sufficiently to make a visit to his former home at Fitzgerald where several of his children reside. While there he died unexpectedly.

For several years he had been a citizen of Appling county. He was a highly respected and an upright man in his community. He was accommodating and generous to his neighbors.

He was a member of the Baptist church for a number of years. About two years ago he heard the writer preach holiness and was convinced the first time he heard it preached that it was the right way. Shortly afterward he and his wife received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and were added to the Church of God where he remained a consistent member until death.

He spoke quite often to his wife of his departure and seemed to realize that his stay here was short. His last words were that He was ready to go.

He leaves to mourn, a wife, eight children and a host of relatives and friends.

S. J. Heath.

ELLIS

On February 16, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother Sam Ellis of Harriman, Tenn., and claimed his wife, Sallie Fine Ellis, age 54 years, 10 months and 15 days.

Brother and Sister Ellis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the year 1889. She was a devoted wife and sought to make her home happy. To them were born six children. Maud (deceased), Jim, Bryan, Addie, Monroe and Turner.

In 1893 she was converted and lived a devoted Christian life in the first Methodist church.

About five years prior to her death she heard the doctrine of holiness and the baptism of the Holy Ghost preached. She sought and obtained the experiences and was baptized by immersion and united with the Church of God. Her life and Christian service has blessed the church. She was one of the most devoted and sincere workers we had. She always saw the bright side of things in the home, in the neighborhood and in the Church. She was a devoted teacher of the little Sunbeam class in Sunday school. She always cheered the children and encouraged them to live for Jesus. They miss her so much.

Her chair in the choir was always occupied. Her testimony was cheering and carried with it an essence of divine love. It was frequent for her to walk down the aisle under the power of the Holy Ghost and plead with the lost to come to Jesus. We have heard her say many times that she was willing to give her life for the lost. She was always ready to assist the sick by administering to their needs.

We don't understand why she had to leave us but we will understand it all by and by. On one occasion Jesus said, "What I do now ye know not but ye shall know hereafter." "She hath done what she could."

She is survived by husband, five children and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother M. T. Akins and the writer in the Church of God at Harriman, Tenn.

Her body is quietly sleeping neath the sod,
All trials of life ceased ere the path she trod;
She is resting from all her labors here,
No more burdens, heartaches or sorrows to bear.

In heaven where all is peace and love,
There her spirit winged its flight as the dove;
For loved ones, relatives and friends she waits there,
They too, may the joys and bliss of heaven share.

Perry W. Hadsock,
Harriman, Tenn.

Glad He Found the Church of God

Dear Readers—Greetings:

I am fully persuaded to believe that the Church of God is all right and I intend to stand for her teachings from this on.

I have been a pentecostal holiness preacher for about fourteen years and I have heard a lot about the Church of God by its opposers and by men whom I thought were straight but I found out by attending the last Assembly that they had falsely accused her.

I have been a reader of the Evangel for the last few months and I have been praying for God to show me whether or not the Church of God is right and He has made it plain.

I am going to try to move somewhere where there is a Church set in order and be added to her.

She is so grand that I can hardly see why the blessed Lord has not revealed her to me before now. But better now than never.

The people that led me into the light of holiness were against church organization but I could not feel right about it. I prayed over it a great deal. One night I dreamed a Spirit spoke to me and said, "You ought to join the Orthodox church." I have been praying to find it ever since and, thank God, I have found it at last and I want to be one among your number of faithful workers.

I would be so glad if we could have a meeting held here by a true blue Church of God minister, one who is able to give the full light on the Church of God and her government. Any body interested please write me.

Your brother in the Master's service,
J. S. Colliers,
Sylacauga, Ala.

Glad this Light Reached Maryland

Dear Saints Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising Jesus for what He is to me. He keeps me every day by power divine. I feel His presence. Glory to His name! I want to praise Him for the Church of God here in Maryland.

I want to thank God for sending Brother Paul Walker and his mother to Maryland to preach the Word of God and I am thankful that a few of us heard it and obeyed His call and are now shouting His praises. Glory to His name forever.

I just can't tell or express with my tongue what joy is in my soul. I want to tell you all what the Lord has done for me. He has saved me, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. My wife and two of my children have the blessing. Praise His dear name. In Acts 2:39 we read, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." To which I am a witness. The Word also says, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." By that we know that we are in the last days for surely God is doing what He said He would do.

I want to be ready when He calls for me. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will stay true to the end and meet you all around the throne. Glory to His name forever.

Your brother in Christ,
Irving T. Johnson,
Princess Anne, Md.

BIBLE

The Bible is the greatest book in existence. The name means **the Book** as though there wasn't any other book.

It is called **canon** which means measuring rod. By it we measure our lives to see if we are able to enter Heaven. Each book of the Bible is called a canon. After the different books were gathered and placed into one, referred to as the Bible, some one said the compilers of the several small canons took them and made a large one (the Bible).

With this cannon (canon) you can wage a successful warfare, you can rout the enemy and gain many victories.

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To the Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and adding me to the great Church of God.

But, listen friends, to my sad story.

I was married and the Lord gave us a sweet baby to be a comfort to us.

He called us in the ministry. I obeyed the call and the Lord wonderfully set His approval on my life and work. Wife became dissatisfied and did not want me to go so much and I began to yield to her. The Lord gave me a vision of my precious baby laying a corpse. A little later the Lord took it away. As time rolled by I failed to obey just as I should and the Lord gave me a vision of my precious wife laying a corpse and a while later the Lord called her to a place of rest.

I was left alone. I began to go into the harvest field and I saw much fruit of my labor. But I was so lonely. I met a girl that had the Holy Ghost. I learned to love her and we got married and went out in the work. Wife became dissatisfied and on the account of such little offerings wanted me to go to work. So I did.

After a short time I became afflicted until I could not work. My nerves gave way, my strength began to leave me, my hands began to draw, my spine became dislocated and now I can't walk by myself and can hardly feed myself. I have been in this condition over a year.

I have reconsecrated all to God and the saints have prayed different times for me. It seems I get no better. Now I am willing to leave wife and baby in the hands of God and go anywhere He wants me to go if He will only make me able.

I hope others will take warning.

Pray, saints, that I may be healed and that I may carry the gospel to dying men and women. I believe the Lord will heal me.

Some tell me the Lord is holding me this way to make wife willing to go. I don't know. I want the Lord's will to be done.

I would like to have a letter of encouragement from any who read this.

Edgar Dunkins,
R. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

BATTLEFIELD

An evangelist and I have just closed a ten days meeting at Tea Bay, Cat Island, after a hard fought battle. Two were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, two followed the Lord in water baptism and six were added to the Church. A mob was raised against us one night but in the end we came out victorious, reports Alex Williams, Cat Island, Bahamas.

SPANISH TRACTS

A word to our Spanish members and friends, we are printing some new tracts in Spanish and have some others on hand. A list of which we will give below:

1 EL HA DERRAMADO ESTO-QUE AHORA VEIS Y OIS
He has shed forth this.
2 TOM GALSON, Y SU NIÑA
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Why I am a Member

If you live among Spanish people you should order a good supply of the Spanish tracts and distribute them among them and see how much they will enjoy reading these tracts in there own language.

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Badly in Need of Prayer

Dear Saints in Christ:

I want to express my condition to you all.

I burn all over just like I was by a hot stove; my head feels light and big; can't sleep at night; my eyes seem like they are open when I've got them shut; my tongue draws; my mouth feels just like my body. I am demon possessed.

I want you all to pray that God will cast them out of me. Pray for my faith. If any one ever needed prayer it is I. Please do all you can for me.

Sincerely yours,
Susie Simmons,
Wauchula, Fla.

THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID FOR ONE MISSIONARY

Shanghai, China.
January 12, 1923.

Dear Saints of the Church of God at Home—Greetings in Jesus Precious Name!

Our Evangel for December ninth has just arrived. I note with joy the fact that there is to be a special Missionary number of the Evangel and am hastening now before finishing the reading of the paper to send in my report.

Oh, how we have prayed, fasted and held on to God crying and pleading for Him to stir the Church of God. She is yet asleep after all the stirring Sister Rushin did while at home.

Dear ones, Sister Rushin has not yet had any rest from her long term of mission work in China. It makes one's heart ache to hear her tell about her experiences in America. She was on trains at all hours, day and night, in strange cities and no one to meet her and no place to go with her two babies and Roy (Roy was a great help, the Lord bless him), and then their baggage. How that poor woman suffered, God only knows.

Every one who heard her preach and tell the conditions over here in China ought to pray and give as never before. While she was in America she did not receive enough contributions to pay her expenses from place to place. And when it came time for her to return to China Brother Rushin borrowed the money for her to come home on.

Sister Rushin suffered so much when she came to the Wimaumi camp meeting, where I met her and received my call for China. There was no place to receive her, our only missionary to China, on her first furlough home but the old dormitory, with only straw mattresses on the floor. There was only one real bed which she took for herself and babies but as it belonged to some one else she had to give it up and put her babies on the floor. It was different for Florida babies who were used to the climate, but those little ones of her's coming from Georgia and Tennessee right down to the heat, mosquitoes, gnats and sore eyes. Those of you who met Sister Rushin there or afterwards know about the children's sore eyes and the sores on Joel's legs and Sister Rushin had them, too. For two days after the camp meeting closed little Joel could not see out of his eyes. When at last he could just peep through his partly opened lids he exclaimed with joy, "Oh, I can see mama." If a child ever loved his mother, Joel does. It was good that Sister Rushin got a place to room and board in a few days and then she had things a little better. If she had stayed in that dormitory she would have surely lost her darling baby girl. Little Deborah and Joel, the prophetess and prophet, are the sunshine of the home. Joel talks so sweetly of Jesus and can tell the story of Jonah, Sampson and others. He often talks of heaven and wants to go to be with Jesus.

For months after Sister Rushin left Florida and even after arriving in China, Joel and his mother suffered with those sores. Sister Rushin had one on a finger of her right hand. It pained her so to write letters and wash the babies' clothes and she had to do both. The nail came off and is just now fully grown out. Little Joel's eyes have been left very weak.

This is just a little of what Sister Rushin suffered in getting one missionary in all the Churches of God in Florida or from any other state. She said to me one day, when I had read a certain letter from mama in which she said that my papa wasn't willing for me to come to China until he heard Sister Rushin the second time, "Well, I should have thought he would have been farther away from it as I told about the harder times last." Later she said, "I see now why I had to stay in Wimauma and suffer those two weeks. I had thought, why didn t I plan to stop a few days and go on. But I see it took all that on my part to get your father willing for you to come.

And another thought of my own, dear saints, had I only heard Sister Rushin and talked with her once I would not have been so anxious to go or would I have pushed right ahead amidst opposition and lack of sufficient funds at the outset, with the faith that brought me to China when Sister Rushin came in August. It was quick work when I think of it. I was ill a month which interfered greatly with my plans, but in ten days from the time the Lord gave me my strength I was on the train leaving all my own whom I call the dearest on earth to me to answer the call of a gospel hungry demon bound land.

Saints, the Chinese are so poor and their homes if they have any with the exception of the rich, officials and highly educated gentleman, are made of the poorest material, mudbricks or mud plaster over cornstalk shelters. They have no fires in their homes except for cooking and they burn dry grass which they gather from the roadside or rake up in the fields after the crops are gathered. The fine bits of charcoal ashes are carefully kept and when freezing cold a small bowl full is lighted which gives enough heat to warm their hands. As the weather turns colder the Chinese put on more clothes. Their winter garments are padded with cotton. The higher classes wear fur lined garments and some of them silk. The poor beggars have no heavier clothes to put on. How they must suffer.

Many of the beggars have no place that they can call home and no means of subsistence except through beggary. Many are disabled and are so pitiful. They are found everywhere and are blind, lame, disfigured, diseased and filthy.

Only today I saw one which made my heart ache and I had not so much as a copper to give him. A woman was wheeling him on a barrow. His legs were drawn up and all toes gone from one foot which looked healed. The other foot was a big bloody sore where toes should have been. I looked on him with pity but had to tell him I had nothing. The poor souls can't realize that a foreigner has nothing. No doubt, they thought I had money at home. But here I have to beg, too, it looks like.

The saints at home are praying for us and doing the best they know but they must know to do better.

Don't leave off reading this letter without resolving to do something and offering up a prayer to Almighty God for us. We need it over here in China where demons are as thick as the blackest darkness and it takes more than ordinary praying to reach heaven.

When Sister Rushin and I unite in prayer to make our requests known unto God the devil unites with a legion of demons to try to hinder our prayers from reaching the throne. Once they get there he tries to hinder the answers in getting back to us.

If all the saints at home are praying for us it is too strong for the enemy and he has to go. But let the saints at home forget they have any missionaries in China and the devil won't beat around the bush but he comes right out shaking his black flag and trying to defeat the Church of God in China.

Hold on a minute there! Doesn't the Bible say, "Upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" Who said the devil was going to defeat the Church of God in China?

Well, now who is going to save China from the bondage which his Satanic power has held this poor people, these three thousand years of her existence?

Who said "Go ye into all the world", "And, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end?" Who but the divine head of the Church of God, just before she was established? Who said, "How shall he go except he be sent?" And now if sent how shall he preach except he be supported and enabled to learn the language?

Some poor Pentecostal people say, "Why not let them seek the Lord for the gift of tongues." If that were all a missionary in China had to work with, as much as we have the Holy Ghost and His gifts and graces, he couldn't do very much in China. The language isn't all we have to know in China. It takes years to know the Chinese.

One particularly honest Chinese said to Sister Rushin, "You don't know the ruined Chinese heart." It takes more than education, orphanages, Sunday schools and churches to make the Chinese fit to enter heaven. It takes the power of Almighty God and the precious blood of the lamb that was slain for sinners to make them clean. It takes the baptism of the Holy Ghost to keep them and to guide them into all truth. It takes the Church of God to keep them in the straight and narrow way that leads from death unto life.

O saints, I am glad I am in China tonight. The enemy may have all his guns turned on us but we have victory and are above fire.

Our letters of distress have reached headquarters and they are praying for us. The enemy is being routed and God is fighting our battles for us.

We know we haven't been alone in our suffering. The dear Church of God at home has been suffering, too. But we must not count the cost for we realize His coming is near at hand.

It seems that we have been wasting time over here but we have been holding on and we are going to win by the grace of God. Hallelujah!

The work of the Church of God in China is in danger. We cannot tell what a day may bring forth. If we lose Hsueipei we lose Jong Lei, too, and all that section of the country. Some of the Christians may stand true, though the property goes into other hands.

If we lose Tsinanfu, we shall have to begin work all over again. But, saints, we can't give up all that work, the product of years of toil, prayers, tears and hard earned money which has been sacrificed!

Everything we have done since coming to China has been done on borrowed money. We must pay that back before we can go on.

And there is Hsueipei with her debt of fifteen hundred dollars. And you said, "Yes, we want to hold it." And saints, I do, too. I went out there and felt so peaceful and at home. I got the best blessing there that I have had in China. I want Hsueipei. The Christians are so dear. They love the Lord.

Sister Ma shakes under the power and talks in tongues just like we do. I roomed in the same room with her for three weeks. I would tell her that I loved her and call her my precious sister. She would hug me and call me the same, praising the Lord.

I was sorry to part with dear Sister Ma but I had to cut out expenses in Tsinanfu and come to Shanghai. I am here in Brother Rushin's home with his wife and babies. I haven't a cent and he is in debt—all for the work of the Church of God in China and he loves it so! It hurts him so much to have to close up the work. He has kept it open by his own hard work and now to have to close it because he is so deep in debt hurts him more than the debts. But debts are debts and subject to certain bonds of law and custom so they must be paid first if the work does fail. He turned his own Christmas presents over to the mission.

The children have yet had no Chrismas. We have received no Christmas parcels but we know some were sent.

The babies each have a birthday this month and we must have a little celebration that will do for their Christmas and New Years, too. Children in China like tops, cakes and candy just like they do in America.

If each child in the Sunday school would give just one of their pennies which they would spend for candy, the missionary children could have some and buy stockings, schoolbooks, pencils, paper and other things they need. The little things help so much.

Pray for us. We feel willing to give up all for Jesus, even the work here in China hard though it may seem, yet God is on the throne and Jesus is the head of the Church of God and His will be done. Amen.

Yours burdened for a lost world,
Ina Louise Yingst.

God is Confirming His Word in California

The Church of God Evangel Readers:

I am sending a report of God's wonderful work in our midst. It is quite lengthy but it seems to need the little details to make it complete.

We thought the readers of the Evangel would be glad to know what God is doing for us.

We are praying that the debt will be lifted from the paper. We feel that we couldn't do without it.

Our church didn't average quite $1.00 a member as we hoped, but we are just young here yet and perhaps we can do better another time, should a call come for help.

Surely God is confirming His Word in California with signs and wonders.

Jan. 28 we had a celebration in honor of the first birthday of the Church of God in California. How we did enjoy God's blessings and presence at the roll call. All were present except three of the members. The answer to the names was a testimony. There were several others whose membership was elsewhere and they were one with us.

God surely has prospered His Church here the past year. We had just closed a three weeks revival and the mighty power of God was demonstrated in many ways, in dancing, healing, messages, interpretations, etc.

Before the meeting began a sister had a vision of being fitted into our places. She saw the little Church of God band start off with our assistant pastor leading. When they were asked where they were going the answer was, "Up to be fitted in our places." On and on they went and she said finally they came to the same tree God had used before in showing her the Church of God.

Around this tree was a track like place and there were other Church of God bands waiting there to be fitted into their places. This track seemed to be like a Mosaic and parts of it were perfectly filled in.

Some one inquired for Sister Shepherd and they said, "Oh, she is already fitted into her place." As each one stood by the track waiting his turn it was noticed that those who were fitted in already, were in there perfectly, each block against the other in perfect order and fitness. Finally one of the members said, "Why doesn't some one put us in our places." The big tree seemed to speak and say, "You are not ready yet to be fitted in, you must go back and get more humble." We started back to be perfected and made ready for our places in the pattern.

Surely we have been humbled under the mighty hand of God since then. But whether we are ready for our places, God only knows.

Another sister had a vision of the saints in a big room. Each was on a little set of wheels and she asked what they were doing. They answered, "Demonstrating."

Not long afterward at her home they surely were used of God to demonstrate His power. When she was about ready to pass over to the other side, and in faith, the little band called in to pray waited on God after anointing her, singing His songs of praise and basking in His wonderful presence. Besides her being raised up immediately as soon as God's purpose was accomplished (her husband finally reached the place where he was willing that God should have His way with her). There were three others who were definitely healed. One said, "If there had been a thousand there, they would have been healed for the power of the Lord was present to heal."

Back to the revival. One night we prayed on and on and finally Sister Shepherd went into a trance and the Lord showed her things to come. She told us the one vision when she spoke aloud.

It seemed she was on a journey through a valley and as she went on and on she finally reached a little plateau on the mountain side overlooking the valley below. As she looked below she saw people climbing the path. Among them the little Church of God here was in groups. From her vantage point she could see the path they had to come over with its shadowed places and dangers. As she saw them come to places where they seemed about to be sidetracked or overcome with the dangers around them her heart went out for them and she tried to call them and help them over the hard places but she found herself unable to speak. A white robed being standing by her side handed her a silver trumpet and told her what to say in sounding the trumpet. As it was handed to her she did as she was told and the little band of climbers would look up and heed the warning and on they came.

As she spoke the warning she, in the natural raised on her elbow, and first in tongues then interpreting said, "He says, (These are some of the warnings and messages she gave to the people coming up, the very ones sitting in the church before her. He says, each time preceded the message,) "Draw nearer, you are too hard of hearing. You are too weak and too little. Forget your littleness and your weakness for I am strong. Don't stop there. There is danger ahead. Don't go there, the bridge is higher up."

This last sentence was when she saw a washed out bridge over a canyon and she knew the travelers were unaware of it. Each time they looked up and obeyed. Finally they reached the height that she stood on.

This was a great blessing to the church and as she came out of the vision she had a little message or word of encouragement for the different ones, as we felt and learned afterwards coming out from what she had learned in her vision of that one.

In a night or so a brother visiting from Phoenix, Ariz. got the baptism and has since, been added to the Church here.

There was a great burden laid on the saints for lost souls in Baldwin Park. What would it take to bring the precious ones in!

People whom God had been dealing with for months and some a year seemed so hard and unyielding. Surely it would take an avalanche of God's power to reach them and penetrate the prison bars.

Sister Shepherd began to break down under the awful burden laid upon her. There were three especially on her heart and one night she prayed on and on at the close of the service, unable to give up without the answer.

The next day a call came to the saints to go and pray for Sister Shepherd for she lay unconscious in an attack of spinal meningitis.

The dear one whom God had used to answer Sister Shepherd's prayer at the end of her thirty days fast last summer was present. God had dealt with her soul but she seemed powerless to yield up. She and another sister stayed all night with Sister Shepherd and the next day she was easier with but two slight attacks coming on.

At night three of the saints came over after service to report the wonderful service of the evening and found the unsaved sister at her bedside. We chatted awhile and talked of God's wonderful presence in the meeting where there was nothing out of God's order, an evening on sanctification, seemingly preparing us for that very night. They arranged for the night watch and before the saints prepared to leave they said, "Let's pray."

At first we prayed for Sister Shepherd but in a very short time the burden came rolling on for lost souls. There were many who received the evidence that Sister Shepherd would be delivered. As the burden came we saw Sister Shepherd go under it and soon she was in the agonies of death. It was then revealed that as soon as Sister Greever gave herself up and got right with God, Sister Shepherd would be delivered. One of the brothers said, "I feel that we should anoint Sister Shepherd at once." This was done and power was given to cast out demons and as Sister Greever was loosed she went into a trance.

As we were calling on God the death angel was felt coming down and the Spirit spoke through one and said, "Sister Greever, it is up to you." She roused up and looked into the dead face. She had been in a vision in which she saw darkness and then a great light. She saw her dearly beloved friend, Sister Shepherd, going down a path with a wonderful light all around her. On and on she went and as she kept getting farther and farther away she tried to call and the thought came to her, I'll never be able to reach her.

There swung open a double gate, beautiful beyond description and she realized that if Sister Shepherd went through that, she would never see her again and at that instant the message came to her and she looked up and saw she was gone. Again the Spirit spoke, "Oh sister, hurry, hurry." She began to call on God to blot out her sins. During this time death was being rebuked in Jesus' name. All held on in faith refusing to yield to the enemy. As she yielded up to God, victory was ours, the battle was over. Then Sister Shepherd's face changed, her pulse began to beat and a sweet sleep settled down upon her.

As we watched in silence a slight quiver went over her body and in a little while she turned over naturally and easily. Her son spoke up and and said, "There that is mother again." And how we rejoiced. Finally she opened her eyes and smiled and oh, that smile!

I wonder will the smiles of the dear ones as they wake in His likeness hold more glory and sweetness than that one.

We asked her where she had been and she said she had been resting. We asked her again in a little while and she said, I don't know whether I can tell you are not. "It seemed as thou I were walking through an endless field, ankle deep in beautiful flowers of all colors and green grass just going and going and then I turned around and came back."

Later she told us of how she followed a white robed being until she came to a wide open double gate and the being went through but she turned about and went back.

She sat up in bed and we asked her if she hurt. (One of the brothers in a vision had seen her sit up in bed just as she appeared before us.) She moved her head and said, "No, I feel perfectly well." When she was asked if she were going to church that night she said, "Yes, I have my text already."

It may interest some to know what that was. We were curious to know but had to wait until the time it was given to know. It was: "We never saw it on this fashion." Mark 2:12.

Well, praise the Lord, the work was done. God had honored faith and a soul was born into the kingdom. A great price you say? Nay, there is no price for a soul.

We had all prayed, Lord, bring in the souls no matter what the cost, and as Sister Shepherd said the day before, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

We surely saw divine love manifested that night. God dealt mightily with souls but instead of yielding there seemed to be a hardening.

One sister saw Christ come and hold out His hands to one, and saw that one look down. Another sister in an awful burden saw the struggle of souls as they rejected God and the Spirit spoke out through her three times, "God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. And after death the judgment and all whose names were not found written in the Lamb's book of life were cast into the lake of fire." Soon came the call again as at the death bed, oh, brother—hurry, hurry.

As she went out of that room that night it was with the feeling of a lost soul. That night another sister heard the wail of a lost soul. May God have mercy.

Two received the evidence that God was soon to pour out a judgment on Baldwin Park.

The next night a sister out of the Church, in a dream, saw a large crowd in a building. There were heavy shadows all around and a woman at the front was pronouncing a sentence. One man was weeping.

Surely there has been signs enough to convince any people.

Never before have God's saints in this place been more dealt with by God, in visions and dreams and miracles. What more can He do?

Pray much for us here that lost souls may be brought to God. There is bound to be a break even as God is under obligations to answer prayer.

We are far from discouragement for our Captain never has lost a battle. We are standing on the whole Word of God in California at the little Church of God in Baldwin Park.

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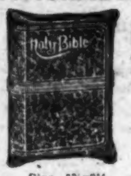

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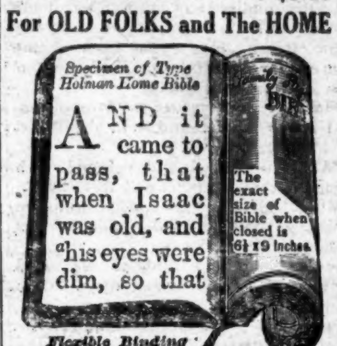

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